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USDA ANNOUNCES 1998-CROP COUNTY LOAN RATES FOR MUSTARD SEED, SAFFLOWER SEED, OIL SUNFLOWER SEED, AND OTHER-TYPE SUNFLOWER SEED.

WASHINGTON, May 20, 1998 — Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman today announced county loan rates for the 1998 crop of mustard seed, safflower seed, sunflower seed grown for oil, and other-type sunflower seed.

The loan rates were determined in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 and reflect the national average marketing assistance loan rates of \$9.30 per hundredweight for each oil seed crop.

Copies of the rate schedules are available from: Thomas Fink, Policy and Procedure Branch, Price Support Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA/FSA, Stop 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20250-0512, (202) 720-8701; via e-mail: Tom_Fink@wdc.fsa.usda.gov or via fax at (202) 690-3307.

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